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In re Patent Application of: Bryan D. Skene et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING

LOAD DISTRIBUTION ON A WIDE AREA

NETWORK

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2004 (Paper No. 17), Applicants submit the following remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.